

## RED CROSS LADIES SERVE DINNER TO 250 LOCAL BOOSTERS. MANY ADDRESSES AND EXCELLENT MUSIC

The Chamber of Commerce was dined Tuesday evening by the ladies of the local Red Cross. Covers were laid for 250 but it is estimated that more than 250 attended the feast served in a most excellent manner by the ladies. The ladies were assisted in serving by the girls of the Domestic Science under the supervision of their instructor, Miss Guzenhan. These young ladies were appropriately dressed for the occasion and performed their duties in a most charming manner.

The evening's program was opened by a number of beautiful selections by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. James, the new band master. The music was enjoyed by all and many were surprised to learn that Tucumcari at last had a real musical organization of merit.

After the inner man was filled to overflowing and merriment had captured every man present President Muirhead in an appropriate introductory told of how the Commercial Club was organized a few months ago and had gone ahead doing things that were once thought impossible although it had been handicapped in a thousand and one ways. He told of the Ozark Trail being routed through this city and county and that the money would soon be available to put the road in condition. He said through the Club we could now boast of a real brass band, a fire factory and many other splendid achievements that would fully materialize during the coming year. He said the secretary had answered thousands of communications from out of town inquirers. He concluded by saying: "We can and will do more. Some say the town and country are not ready to improve, that we should wait until after the war. I do not believe that way, but we must work now harder than ever before as the West is bound to be in line for settlement when peace is declared, and Tucumcari is the coming city of Eastern New Mexico. We should put up a united front. High prices for goods and products will no doubt remain indefinitely but we will not be handicapped more than other places so we should work and win."

Harry H. McElroy was chosen toastmaster for the evening and after expressing thanks to the Red Cross ladies for the splendid dinner and excellent manner in which it was served he told of the plans in store for greater Tucumcari. He said he did not believe in reading a book backwards but from the beginning. Then he related the past and how we had overcome the obstacles and builded a little city on the eastern plains of New Mexico, a city that promises to be a winner provided the proper life, energy and optimism were banded together and made to bear fruit. He introduced the speakers in the old familiar terms of "skinny," "fatty," "nubbins," "Sorghum Bill," "Speck," and many other nicknames heard in boyhood.

S. M. Wharton spoke on "Tucumcari and its Civic Needs." One thing he emphasized most was "system." The male quartet composed of Sandusky, Griffith, Herring and Case, gave a good account of itself, and its efforts were highly appreciated as was shown by the hearty applause accorded the quartet. Each member did himself proud on this occasion.

Mr. Alexander Jackson spoke in behalf of the Rock Island Railroad and assured the Chamber that his company was heartily in accord with every movement to upbuild Tucumcari and other points along the line. He anticipates a general movement to the west after the war and Tucumcari is bound to be the largest beneficiary. He said "You want to be conservative in your advertising so that when people come to your city to locate they will be surprised to know it is really better than you advertised. People will be surprised to see such a good town on the plains. You cannot expect to get back dollar for dollar now but your dollars will bear fruit in years to come. Settlements build slowly but surely. You will have many new industries offered your town, but if you investigate carefully it will pay in the end. I think dairy-farming will be a paying proposition if you are assured of feed. The dairy cattle must be fed the year round and you can rest assured that the Rock Island will do its part in hauling your product to market provided you do not build a creamery here."

At this juncture Toastmaster McElroy announced that we would hear from an organization that worked in harmony. He spoke the truth much to the surprise of all who knew it was the new hands turn to perform. The surprise was complete. The guests arose as one man and cheered to Tucumcari band which made good in every particular.

W. G. Beckett, a former resident of Tucumcari, but now at El Reno, an official for the Rock Island, greeted the Chamber with words of encouragement. Messrs. Danver, Bloom and others answered with words of encouragement to boost and work instead of knock and tear down. Mr. Bloom spoke of the wonderful improvement made in this city within the past few years. He said the railroad company expected to lay new steel between here and Amarillo and put the road in condition so trains could run on time and be safe and comfortable for passengers as well as freight.

A telegram was received from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Santa Fe wishing Tucumcari live wires success in their undertaking to secure a membership of 400, hoping the meeting would help the whole state of New Mexico.

A. Petersen, a favorite in Tucumcari although he lives in Amarillo, he never fails to boost for Tucumcari. He said a good live city could not progress without a good live commercial club and Tucumcari has the liveliest club of any town its size in this part of the country, as was proven by the things accomplished the past year. It means better roads and they are a requisite to the town, country and railroads. "If they don't parallel our line they will parallel other lines." He is strong for the fiber factory and hopes that within a short time to see a large factory making brooms from bear grass and everything else possible to make from this grass. He spoke of the mining proposition that will make good and the possibilities for the discovery of oil in large quantities in Quay county. Mr. Petersen said "I also believe you need a creamery and more dairy cattle."

Gov. McDonald was unable to be present but sent a telegram encouraging the Chamber of Commerce to work hard that next to the boys and girls of any community its commercial club was its best asset.

Telegrams from others were read in this city a new depot was on the program as soon as possible and send other encouraging information was read by Mr. McElroy.

Telegram from others were read including Mr. W. A. Hawkins in which he suggested that Tucumcari use as its slogan "The Front Door of New Mexico."

C. C. Kirkpatrick, who has been here from New York working in the interest of the Chamber of Commerce was then introduced and his speech was a revelation to all present. He said when he heard the orchestra, band and quartet it made him think he was on Broadway. He said "I believe in the city that stands for itself. I believe in enthusiasm. When I lose my enthusiasm I want to be put under the sod." He heard President Wilson's wonderful appeal to the people to help make the world safe for Democracy. He gave a word picture of how cities are made, demonstrating his meaning by relating matters of history showing how some town grew into cities and some with equal chances remained only towns. Men who build cities are men with broad vision like James J. Hill who became a multi-millionaire by having a vision and using it. He bought land between St. Paul and Minneapolis paying up to \$175 an acre for it, which he sold for thousands of dollars an acre to Harriman and received the Burlington road to boot. Mr. Kirkpatrick said cities don't grow by accident. Men must have visions and those visions must be properly financed. The new plan is that a member should pay at the rate of \$25 a year. The larger the business the more memberships. We can't do everything in one year so this new proposition is to be put on a three-year basis.

"Your Chamber of Commerce wants a continuous organization. You must have personal service. Money don't buy everything. Personal service is the rent we pay for the room we occupy in this world. Have you paid your room rent?"

He recommended the putting in of pit silos as but few years of the past 37 have been impossible to produce feed crops, as is shown by government statistics at the station here. Quit sending away your money for feed that you can raise yourself. Keep your money at home. Make Tucumcari a better market and the farms will be worth more. You should do more manufacturing in New Mexico and quit sending your money back east. The Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce is going after these institutions.

In closing Mr. Kirkpatrick said to "Guard well your educational facilities and other institutions. Stand together and give your town and community personal service and you will carry on, carry on, and on."



### TUCUMCARI LOST THREE AND WON THREE GAMES ON TRIP

The Tucumcari boys and girls were lucky and they were unlucky on their basket-ball trip last week to Albuquerque and Las Vegas. The girls lost 16 to 12 and the boys 54 to 20 at Albuquerque. They had a long hard trip and were not in the best of condition. They hope to turn the tables here Friday night when the boys play Albuquerque at the High School Gym. At Las Vegas the girls won both games playing the Normal and High School teams Saturday afternoon and night. The boys won from the High School but lost to the Normal boys. They had a cold hard drive from Albuquerque to Las Vegas via Santa Fe and were late arriving at Las Vegas, some of the cars did not get in until after midnight Friday. The teams were scheduled to play four games and this caused them to play in the afternoon and again that night, but they made a good showing.

### CAMPAIGN TO ERADICATE ALL NOXIOUS ANIMALS

The State Council of Defense, the State Extension Department, and the U. S. Biological Survey co-operating are making plans to carry on a campaign for the eradication of all noxious animals in the state. This work should receive a very hearty welcome in Quay county, as there are many areas where damage by predatory animals and rodents is very severe.

In a general way, the plan is to have the land where the poison is to be distributed blocked off, so that a complete organization for distribution of poisoned grain can be arranged for with a schedule showing the dates upon which the experts of the Biological Survey, in charge of the work, will arrive at each place, and it will be expected that the County Councils of Defense will arrange for automobiles, trucks, and wagons, and volunteers to distribute the poisoned grain, and competent men who will receive instructions from the experts of the Biological Survey to continue the work in the County. The schedule will be arranged by officials of the Biological Survey and the Council and forwarded to the several Counties when demonstration work is to be done.

It is hoped that the co-operation of all farmers and live stock men as well as bankers, merchants, and other business men can be secured all of whom are interested in this work for the benefit of Quay county.

Representatives of the Biological Survey from Washington are at the present time in conference with State officials at Santa Fe outlining a definite plan of work. As soon as the details of this plan are available farmers and stockmen of Quay county will be advised of the facts and more than likely a meeting will be called to determine the advisability of this county organizing for the work.

E. M. YATES, County Agent.

### MRS. ELIZA HERD DEAD

Mrs. H. L. Miller was called here from Hereford, Texas, to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Herd who died Feb. 12 at her home near Barancos and was buried February 13 at the Plain cemetery.

Mrs. Herd leaves three daughters and two sons to mourn her death. The daughters were present at the funeral but the boys were unable to attend.

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

All owners of property must return same for assessment not later than February 28, 1918.

Anyone failing to make said return will be assessed with penalty for non-rendition.

Please call at my office at court house and list your property or phone or write us for blanks which we will mail you. Very respectfully,  
B. L. FRANCIS, Assessor.

Don't fail to see the big game.

### OUR ROADS SHOULD BE DRAGGED TO KEEP IN CONDITION

The most approved method of maintaining a dirt road is by dragging. This should be begun as soon after a rain as the earth is dry enough, that mud will not clog up under the drag, but will smooth out into a smooth surface.

The dragging should begin at the sides of the road, going one way and returning the other, and continued by successive trips until the earth is carried to the center of the road and the crown maintained in its original form. The dragging should continue until all the ruts and wheel tracks are filled in and smoothed over and so the water will run to the sides.

There is a variety of road drags and road hoes and road smoothers on the market; some of wood; some of metal and some of these combined. The most common and popular form of drag is known as the split log drag. This drag is easily made by any one with the most elementary knowledge of tools, and its cost is trifling.

Take a log eight or ten inches in diameter, eight feet long, and split or saw it lengthwise in half. Set the two halves with their flat sides facing the same way, about three feet apart, so placed that one end of each shall extend about one and one-half feet beyond the end of the other. Cement the two sections of log with two cross-pieces about four feet apart, set in solidly, either with a mortice or three inch auger hole. On these cross-bars fasten a board for the driver to stand on whenever it is desirable to give the drag extra weight.

In attaching the hauling chain to the drag, it should be so adjusted that the drag will be hauled at an angle to throw the earth to the center of the road. It helps to spike a strip of wagon tire to the front edge of the first log, which acts as a cutting edge and encounters most of the obstruction.

Similar drags can be made of big plank by spiking on extra pieces to prevent splitting under the strain.

### AN OBSERVER OBSERVES

Editor of the News:

The question of union Sunday evening meetings for the churches was raised in a communication you published week before last. May I commend the suggestion? Where two parties differ they cannot both be right though both may be wrong. Most of the great denominations came into existence to emphasize some truth—separating a truth from the truth. If a denomination has truth that others do not have, they should welcome the opportunity to meet with the others and give them this truth. That is the Christ spirit of giving—the missionary spirit, the spirit of love. If a people happens to be in error, they surely have a fervent desire to be set right for Christ's followers are commanded to add knowledge, and to study to meet God's approval. In either case it is selfishness to refuse and selfishness is diametrically opposed to Christianity. Christ is the head and every real Christian in whatsoever denomination a member of his body. There are not many bodies but one. Why should our child of God be denied fellowship with another because the members of Christ's one body are divided into rival groups so they do not worship together? To resist Christ's will is sin and he desires absolute union. James, in the American Standard Version (used in practically all Sunday school literature because most accurate) plainly says in Chapter 3, verses 14 and 15, that the wisdom that justifies faction is divided. Shall we remain apart and serve the Devil or unite and glorify Christ? Another Observer.

Sergt. Isaac R. Kirkpatrick will tell some interesting things of army life Sunday night at the Center St. Methodist church.

Best game of season Friday night.

## FORWARD TUCUMCARI IS BRINGING DESIRED RESULTS IN LARGE MEMBERSHIP--PERSONAL SERVICE

### FARMERS READY TO HELP

Quay, N. M., Feb. 6, 1918

Editor of News:—  
I see the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce has decided to make a long pull for the betterment of Tucumcari and Quay county, generally. Now this is as it should be, the county people being proud of its county seat and the townspeople proud of the county brethren there should be something doing.

Among the first acts I notice is a determination to rid the county of rodents, particularly dogs and jack rabbits. Now gentlemen, we are at your back at this end of the line, ready to do our full share in the matter. Just advertise what days you will be at the different localities with the full equipment for the eradication of those pests, and we will be on hand ready to receive and pay for same at actual cost, (no speculation) and we will do the rest. Now whoop 'er up Brother Hamilton and we will obtain results. A long pull, strong pull and all pull together for a greater Tucumcari and Quay county, and as suggestions are asked, allow me to suggest that the business men of Tucumcari organize a board and set apart a revolving fund for the purchase of field seed of all kinds and feed for farm teams to be sold to farmers at actual cost for "strictly cash." This will indemnify the stockholders and at the same time be a great saving to farmers in getting supplies wholesale or car load rates, thus you help the farmer who later helps the city business men. Now what do you say Business Men of Tucumcari.

I will suggest that this plan if entered into, be a separate and purely distinct business by itself. You employ a competent man to manage same, similar to the carload prices in the past by dealers.

Last, but not least, I am not asking any gratuitous donation but that you assist the farmers in overcoming the great drought of 1917. What say you gentlemen, are those fair propositions? If so, the time to act is now.  
Respectfully,  
W. G. CONNER.

### CENTER ST. METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 17

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 11; subject of the sermon, "The Home, the Bulwark of the Nation."

Junior League 2 p. m.

Beginning at 7 p. m. will be given a program in honor of the soldier boys gone out from the homes connected with the Center Street Methodist congregation, given under the auspices of the Epworth League:

Song—"America."  
Prayer—E. F. Brown.  
Responsive Reading—121 Psalm.  
Piano Duet—Misses Mayme and Ruby Hall.

Vocal Solo—Patriotic Selection, by Prof. Jackson.

Address—F. Caruthers.

Quartet—"Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground." Prof. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Boyer.

Four Minute Talk—R. E. Stevenson.

Song—Battle Hymn of the Republic by the Choir.

Cornet Solo—Mr. Paul James.

Presentation of Honor Roll and Service Flag to the church, by Miss Anna Hicks.

Response—C. H. Hittson.

Orchestra—Medley of National Airs Reading—Miss Josephine Elkins.

Vocal Duet—Misses Aleta Williams and Edna Clark.

Four Minute Talk—T. A. Muirhead.

"A Soldier's Life"—Sergt. Isaac R. Kirkpatrick.

Song—"Star Spangled Banner."

Benediction.

Bethel Chapter, No. 15, O. E. S., hereby extends sympathy to our beloved sister, Elizabeth H. Read, in the loss of her sister and our sister, Lina Richards Hodges, of San Marcial, N. M. They never quite leave us—our friends that have passed through the shadows of death to the sunlight above. A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast, to the places they blest, with their presence and love.

Tilly Stark Gordon, Mame Shelton Conwell, J. D. Gresham.

Don't miss seeing the basket ball games at the Gym tomorrow (Friday) night when Albuquerque will be here on a trip through the eastern part of the state. The team will play in Clovis tonight, here Friday and Santa Rosa Saturday night. Come out and root for the home team and hear the Tucumcari brass band.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shifflet, a girl. All parties are reported getting along fine.

Two hundred and twenty-five members were secured during Wednesday and Thursday. Each membership will be expected to contribute \$25 a year to the Chamber of Commerce work and it will do away with passing the hat as has formerly been done when a few dollars was needed for emergency work. Friday will be the big day when the campaign closes and it is expected to push the membership up to at least 350 with the possibility of reaching the 400 mark.

J. A. Atkins, Joe Adler, H. M. Barr, M. A. Butler, Ira J. Briscoe, E. W. Bowen, Ray Z. Boyer, P. A. Brinegar, C. M. Bueler, Miles Brown, C. R. Bynum, L. Blitz, E. J. Corn, J. M. Conwell, W. A. Collins, Mrs. Ada Cowart, F. Caruthers, W. R. Copen, J. W. Corn, Bassett Collins, A. D. Catterton, J. A. Dietzman, R. A. Dodson, U. S. Devor, Dunn and Horton, R. P. Donohoe, W. A. Dodson, Rev. G. E. Ellis, J. M. Eager, W. J. Eitzen, Elmer Edwards, G. A. Eager, T. J. Erskine, C. H. Ferguson, Ira E. Furr, John Grayson, The M. B. Goldenberg Co., H. K. Grubbs, Herman Gerhardt, H. Goodman, Joe Goodman, C. B. Hamilton, E. Norris Holbert, Clyde Hubbard, C. E. Hunter, A. Hurley, Dr. N. W. Hilton, C. E. Hawkins, Farr Herring, H. L. Hamilton, Jas. J. Hall, R. L. Hicks, E. W. Jackson, J. F. Jackson, F. C. Jennings, J. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Jolly, M. R. James, W. R. Kirkpatrick, W. F. Kirby, Myron B. Keator, T. N. Lawson, Sam Lehman, J. D. Lovelady, Dr. W. Leming, Adam Long, Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., Otto Millam, Rev. Jules H. Molinie, T. F. McMahon, J. F. Montgomery, W. E. Mundell, Silas May, T. A. Muirhead, H. H. McElroy, Miller Bros., F. C. Orth, J. M. Putman, Rev. N. J. Reasner, H. C. Rusby, S. L. Russell, O. G. Reeder, Chas. M. Smith, Rev. R. Stevenson, C. S. Shaw, Ed. F. Saxon, J. A. Street, Sinclair Reining, H. C. Scholz, H. H. Scholz, J. A. Sale, Sun Ptg. Co., Leon P. Sands F. J. Sanford, Phil. Shahan, Oscar Sandusky, Stanfill & Hamilton, Tucumcari Steam Laundry, Tucumcari Lumber Co., Turner & Dunn, J. H. Teague, J. B. Taylor, D. F. Thomas, S. V. Williams, J. F. Ward, S. M. Wharton, J. E. Whitmore, E. E. Winter, Vorenberg Hotel.

The number of memberships taken by each of the above ranged from 1 to 16. The total number signed up during Wednesday's drive was 164. Others took the matter under consideration and were ready to sign up Thursday morning.

The following list was added today in this morning's drive:

H. C. Markham, Geo. Newman, F. W. Payne, Pearson Lumber Co., W. B. Rector, T. E. Ruth, Geo. W. Ruth, H. E. Stansbury, P. A. Steffan, M. M. Shipley, Wm. Troup, J. C. Williams, E. M. Yates, H. C. Zillman, Allen & Dealy, American National Bank, E. P. Aull, Otis Alford, Robt. F. Child, L. L. Ernst, B. L. Francis, W. T. Freeburg, R. P. Fitzpatrick, G. Funk, Fred L. Frick, First National Bank, J. D. Gresham, A. D. Gaudin, W. B. Humphries, Jr., Alice Hickox, L. C. Harris, H. H. Kuhlman, and M. F. Lawing.

There were a number of others who signed blanks to make monthly payments. This policy has been done away with as it kept the secretary busy looking after the collection of dues. This will allow the secretary to do other work that will be much more beneficial to the citizens he represents. This organization has been formed to accomplish much for Tucumcari and this county and it will work hard to make a creditable showing during the coming year. It was thought if a man could not afford to pay at least quarterly it would be working a hardship on him to ask him to pay the membership fee. A committee will call to see those who changed the application for membership and fully explain matters so there will be no misunderstanding and the bills will be paid promptly at the beginning of the year—March 1st.

### INTRODUCTORY PRICES

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Laundry tablets, six for 25c.  
Soap Chips per box, 10c.  
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